

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action, issued for the above-identified application on July 13, 2006. Claims 1-27 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-27 are rejected. Applicant have cancelled claims 1 and 14-18 and currently amended claims 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8. The Examiner is authorized to charge any additional fees incurred by the filing of this amendment from Deposit Account Number 12-1295.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-27 are rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner states that the applicant has amended the instant claims to read the D represents a “trisubstituted” or “tetrasubstitued” double bond. However, it is unclear what “trisubstituted” or “tetrasubstituted” means in this context. The Examiner previously indicated that claim 1 was unclear because of the use of the unnumbered carbon positions. The instant claim amendment does not serve to cure the previously mentioned problem. Further clarification and/or correction is required.

Applicants also note with appreciation the Examiner’s determination that the Applicant’s arguments, see remarks, filed 5/1/2006, with respect to the “at least one compound/mixture of compounds” language and the omission of essential steps have been fully considered and are persuasive. The portion of the 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph rejection as it pertains to the aforementioned issues has been withdrawn.

In response to the rejection under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph, Applicants have cancelled claims 1 and 14-18 and have currently amended claims 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 to be in independent form. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional patent applications to the cancelled subject matter.

In view of the amendments made herein to claims 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8. , the Applicants believe that the have overcome the rejection of claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. 112 and the rejection no longer applies, therefore, the Applicants respectfully request this rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the amendments made herein, the Applicants believe that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the claims as amended is respectfully requested.

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